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SUBJ: POSSIBLE NORTH-SOUTH YEMEN CONFRONTATION

1. ARTICLE PUBLISHED HERE JAN 20 IN LEFTIST, PRO-ALGERIAN WEEKLY AL BALAGH ALLEGED PRO-SAUDI FACTION IN NORTH YEMEN REGIME IS PLANNING TO FOLLOW POLICY OF "OPEN CONFRONTATION" WITH PDRY, AIMED AT TOPPLING ADEN REGIME.

2. ACCORDING TO BALAGH POLICY WAS DECIDED DURING MEETING IN SAUDI ARABIA LATE DEC BY EX-DOUTH YEMENI PRIMIN MOHAMMED ALI HEITHAM (DESCRIBED AS FOUNDER OF "YEMENI UNITY FRONT" AND OPEN ANTAGONIST OF ADEN REGIME), EX-NORTH YEMENI VICE PRESIDENT ABDEL RAHMAN AL-BAIDANI, EX-NORTH YEMENI PRIMIN HASSAN AL-AMRI, AND CHAIRMAN OF NORTH YEMEN SHURA COUNCIL SHEIKH ABDAULLAH AL-AHMAR. THEY REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT SHURA COUNCIL WOULD DECLARE "EMERGENCE OF NEW SITUATION IN YEMEN, WHICH WILL LEAD TO WAR" BETWEEN THE TWO YEMENS. BALAGH ADDED THAT YARG IS ALREADY MASSING TROOPS ALONG SOUTHERN BORDER AND THAT "ATMOSPHERE OF EXPECTANCY AND ALERTNESS PREVAILS" IN ADEN.

3. BALAGH ATTRIBUTED THIS POLICY TO ITENSIFIED CONFLICT BETWEEN DECISION-MAKERS OF RULING YAR COMMAND COUNCIL (PRO-SAUDI UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTION WHICH INCLUDES COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IBRAHIM

AL-HAMDI, PARATROOP COMMANDER ABDULLAH ABDEL ALEM, AND CHIEF-OF-STAFF AHMED AL-GHASHAMI) AND NON-DECISION-MAKERS (ANTI-SAUDI FACTION INCLUDING EX-PRIMIN MOHSEN AL-AINY AND SHEIKH SINAN ABU LOHOUM).

4. BALGH MAINTAINED THAT SOURCE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE FOUND IN STEADY INCREASE OF SAUDI INFLUENCE IN SANAA AND CITED RECENT VISITS OF SAUDI MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DELEGATIONS TO YAR AS PROOF.
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